

9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **French Residential Trip**

I am delighted to be able to offer our GCSE French students the opportunity to participate in a residential trip to France.

The trip will take place between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025, during the last week of the Autumn term.

We will be visiting northern France, and the trip will include:

- A visit to the Lille Christmas market
- A trip to a *chocolaterie* for a workshop/demonstration
- Visits to local towns where students will be able to practise their French skills
- French enrichment activities including making *crêpes*

The cost of the trip will be £339 per pupil, to include accommodation in a château, travel (coach and ferry) and food while in France. We would ask you to prepare a packed lunch and drinks for your child for the day of travel. You may also wish to provide your child with spending money for the trip. I would advise **no more** than 20€ per day (roughly £50 in current conversion rates).

If cost is an issue, please let us know as there is funding available for eligible students.

The schedule of payments will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> payment (non-refundable deposit): £75 due Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

2<sup>nd</sup> payment: £132 due Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> payment: £132 due Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Payments will be via Arbor (parent app). If you require support to access Arbor, please contact the school office.

Your child will need to hold a current passport and have at least 6 months remaining on the expiry date before the date of our return to England. Travel insurance will be included in the total cost of the trip, but we would advise that you apply for a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) as this will entitle your child to free medical care should they need it while abroad. A GHIC is free and lasts up to 5 years, and you can apply here: [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS](#)

I will hold a parents' information evening in September, during which I will run through the final itinerary of the trip, the kit list, and answer any questions you may have at that point.

If you would like to subscribe your child for this trip, please complete the first payment on Arbor no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours sincerely,

*H. Molloy*

Mrs Hannah Molloy



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